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Boycott delays vote count

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will have to wait until next week before finding out whether it will get a raise in its honorariums.

SAC distributed ballots to each class Tuesday, and was planning to count the votes yesterday. But since SAC officers were boycotting classes, the tally has been put off.

On the ballot, SAC was proposing an increase of honorariums to either $80, $90 or $100 per month for all SAC executive except the president. There was a space in the ballot for students to write in the amount they felt the honorariums should be raised, but not to the suggested amounts. SAC members get $40 per month.

A separate question asked students whether they felt a raise should be given to the SAC president. It too gave suggested amounts, $150 $160 and $170 per month. The president gets $125 each month.

The idea of separate ballots for each class came after SAC twice tried to get the necessary number of students to come to a general meeting and vote on changes in the constitution.

Five per cent, or about 125 students, have to vote two-thirds in favor of any changes before the constitution can be amended.

Students protest in halls

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

The halls of Niagara were not empty yesterday because of a proposed student boycott, but instead were filled with chants and sales pitches urging students to stay away from classes to bring about a quick settlement in the support staff strikes.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) tried in vain to get students to set up a picket line of their own to try to get the two sides back to the negotiating table.

Students were asked Wednesday by SAC to boycott classes yesterday after Niagara's SAC was told the other 21 community colleges were going to picket.

"If everybody stands together for their educational rights, the strike situation may be rectified sooner than is we run the college in a haphazard way," Jeff Adamson, SAC president, said Wednesday.

SET UP PICKET

Jeff and other SAC members set up a picket line yesterday morning and were asking students not to go to classes.

"We are standing up for 100 per cent of our education, not 90 or 85 or whatever we are getting now.

"We're standing up for all students in the community col-

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Pickets wrestling for impact after eight cold days on line

Support staff strikers struggled Monday morning to erect an effigy of John Lynch, chief negotiator for the Council of Regents, only to have the monstrosity taken down the next day. The union had received complaints from residents on Woodlawn Road. (Photo by Righton)

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

With the support staff strike now in its eighth school day, there are some definite signs of stagnation, and causes of disappointment for the members of the picket lines:

• The province-wide student boycott of classes called for yesterday received minimal response. Jerry Salfi, union steward for the Niagara support staff local, said yesterday: "It's unfortunate that the students are so passive. We'd like to see them take a stand, one way or another, but they don't seem to want to do anything."

• Faculty has been equally unresponsive to the strike. A mass picket had been called for last Monday. Only nine teachers called the college and said they were honoring the picket lines and would not be holding classes. Jackie Robarts, college president, said apart from those instructors losing a day's pay, no other disciplinary action was taken. A few teachers joined the picket line for some time on Monday.

DIRECTED TRAFFIC

• There has been less passive reaction to the strike from others working at the college. Director of personnel Glenn Pevere began guiding cars through the picket line on Wednesday morning, claiming the strikers had no right to block traffic. One striker shouted, "Pevere's going to get himself into more trouble than he can handle," but no violence erupted, and police arrived soon after.

• Despite a demonstration by 200 students in front of Queen's Park yesterday to get the strike ended quickly, the Council of Regents does not seem eager to speed up the process. A report in Thursday's Toronto Star quotes Norman Williams, chairman of the Council of Regents: "The colleges are quite capable of operating without their support staff workers until next summer if necessary."

• The picket lines are hampered by sickness. Mr. Salfi said, "Our people are withstanding a lot of wet, cold and damp conditions, but our spirits are up. But we do have entire families that are suffering from the flu. It's bad enough having the flu ordinarily, but when it hits at a time when there's no pay cheque coming in for medicine, it really hurts."

EVENING CLASSES GO

• The union's attempt to halt at least evening classes appears to have collapsed. Sean O'Flynn, president of the Ontario Public

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STRIKE BULLETIN

Negotiations will resume tomorrow (Saturday, Feb. 3) at the urging of the College Relations Commission.
Norman Williams, chairman of the Ontario Council of Regents, said yesterday the two sides will get back to the bargaining table tomorrow.

Labor studies cancel classes during strike

Ted Jones, president of the Welland and District Labor Council which represents the area's 5,000 unionized workers, said the labor studies program at Niagara has been postponed for as long as the support staff strike is on.

Mr Jones, who is on the college's labor studies advisory committee, said yesterday "the majority of the students taking the labor studies courses are unionized workers. They made it clear to me that under no circumstances would they cross the picket lines to attend classes."

He said the students, who attend the college on a part-time basis, are members of unions such as the Steel Workers of America, Canadian Union of Public Service Employees, and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

SUPPLY SUPPORT

The Ontario Federation of Labor, governing body for the Welland and District Labor Council, issued a request which Mr. Jones said "calls for us to supply all the moral and financial support we can give to the support staff strike. This is a move that is automatic for us anyway."

Mr. Jones' council represents the 23 union locals in the Welland area — including those at Union Carbide, Stelco, Atlas Steel and City Hall.

Mark Saltarelli, acting co-ordinator for the labor studies program, has been participating in the support staff picket lines. He said he "would consider it a contradiction of terms if we ran labor classes during the strike."

"It's part of my job to be out here," he said. "And this is a golden opportunity for faculty to be explaining strike methods to their students. They should bring their classes out to talk to the picketers."

Niagara offers courses in labor-management studies which are geared to management rather than to the unionized worker. Instruction deals with productivity, labor economics and industrial relations. Don Currie, who teaches one of the courses, said so far it has not been affected by the support staff strike.

College spends $54,000 a day to keep open

It costs $54,500 per day to keep Niagara College open.

The cost, based on 261 days per year that the college is open, shows just "how deadly a strike or having to close the college is," Harry Picken, chairman of the finance and property committee, said.

Because the cost is so staggering, the committee is going to watch "very closely for a class operating with a minimum of students," Mr. Picken told the Board of Governors meeting Jan. 25.

It is"absolutely uneconomical" for a situation to arise where there are only five or six students when there is capacity for 25.

Based on a calendar year, the cost is $39,000 per day, and the figures are "really quite shocking," Mr. Picken said.

Union members receive only $20

Striking support staff members at Niagara receive $20 a week strike pay, Kay Steele, president of the College local, said.

Mrs. Steele said any extra money the local receives will be directed to the members.

She said the local is trying to defray the costs of the strike by using her house as strike headquarters and making picket signs by hand.

One at a time

Next, please! These cars are waiting patiently [and some not so patiently] to get through the picket lines at First Avenue during Monday's mass picket. The cars were backed up to Quaker Road, but there were no horns honked to hurry the picketers.
(Photo by Suga)

Effigy hung, police direct traffic, mass picket fails to close college

An effigy of John Lynch, chief negotiator for the Council of Regents. hung high in front of Hennepin Hall last Monday as the strike moved into its sixth day.

"Lynch Lynch" was printed on signs accompanying the effigy of Mr. Lynch, who said he is waiting for the support staff to vote on the Council's last offer of a six per cent salary increase Jan. 1. The offer was unanimously turned down by union executives from Ontario's 22 community colleges.

The support staff has been soliciting support from faculty and students, but hopes of a mass strike, which would have closed the college last Monday, did not materialize.

At a joint meeting of support staff and faculty union executives last weekend, instructors were asked to give up a day's pay and join the picket lines in support of the strike. Several instructors picketed between classes.

Six Niagara Regional Police officers arrived on Woodlawn Road at 8 a.m. directing traffic and allowing cars through a picket line of more than 40 people.

Jerry Salfi, strike committee communications director, said fewer cars were turning back when they saw police directing them.

"Many cars are afraid to stop and are following the policeman's directions," Mr. Salfi said. "It is legal to stop at a picket line to ask questions, listen to information and even ask to see certain individuals."

Mr. Salfi said picketers are not allowed to stop cars but can persuade them to stop.

FULL SUPPORT

John McIntyre, treasurer of the Welland and District Labor Council, said he "fully supported" the support staff's efforts. Mr. McIntyre said a Labor Council executive planned to go to Toronto last Tuesday to discuss the strike.

"The strike could be lengthy if the government is slow in moving, especially with the cutbacks in social services," Mr. McIntyre said.

Bruce Smith, business agent for Union Employees (UE), said the government "shouldn't use civil servants as scapegoats for their problems."

Mel Swart, New Democratic Party MPP for Welland-Thorold, joined the picketers last Monday and said he supports the union's request.

He considered it reasonable because it was "equivalent to the inflation rate."

"If there is much delay in settlement, the students will lose out," Mr. Swart said. "I've had students coming to my office asking me to push for a settlement."

Rev. Robert Wright, federal NDP candidate, said he joined the support staff pickets to "show my concern for those forced to take this action." Mr. Wright said he hoped the community would show support.

Buses, staff, students cross lines, disappoint Rice Rd. picketers

Morale was high but Monday's mass picket was generally disappointing to picketers, with most staff and students crossing the picket line to come into the college.

Singing songs and waving signs, the picketers seemed in good spirits. Cars coming into the Rice Road entrance were flagged down and given an explanation of the strikers' position.

Some cars attempted to drive through without stopping and picketers tried to block the way but were forced to step aside to avoid being hit.

Students were told by several picketers that classes were cancelled and the college was closed. Most chose to ignore them but some seemed willing to honr the picket lines to get a day off school.

At one point, traffic was backed up to Quaker Road and three police cruisers arrived on the scene to direct traffic and relieve some of the congestion.

One elderly woman gave a "thumbs up" sign and honked her horn as she drove by to show her support of the strike.

College buses, bringing students from St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, were stopped by irate picketers who urged their support, as members of a union. But the drivers just shrugged and continued to drive into the college.

One striker said the length of the strike will depend on "whether the faculty supports us." If the lack of co-operation continues, she said it will drag on "a long time."

Mass picketers stop traffic, only turn back two people

First Avenue, normally a quiet street even at the height of student traffic, was choked with cars last Monday morning when the support staff strike launched a mass picket aimed at keeping students and staff away from school.

Niagara Regional Police arrived at the scene at about 8:45 a.m. to clear the traffic which was backed up almost to Quaker Road.

The dozen support staff strikers appeared to be in good spirits despite the fact that the police were hindering their efforts to stop traffic and persuade students and teachers to go home.

The picketers, who had been at the First Avenue college entrance since 7:30 a.m., had persuaded two people to turn back.

The picketers also asked Niagara News editors Mary Koziello and Judy Suga to carry picket signs, but the two politely declined.

"No, I don't think so," Mary said.

"No thanks, my hands are full," Judy said.

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Robarts: Fighting for 77¢ average..

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff Writer

Seventy seven cents per day is keeping the support staff out in the cold away from their jobs. That's the difference between the union's wage demands and the Council of Regents' offer, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

In monetary terms, support staff is fighting for 77 cents in wages per day, but Miss Robarts said, the principle seems to be the real battle. The union is trying to set itself up for future negotiations. Miss Robarts said she feels the union is using the support staff to show strength so it will have leverage at the negotiating tables when other contracts come up for renewal.

John O'Grady, assistant to the president of the support staff union, said the government (Council of Regents) is using the support staff because it knows the union is relatively weak. The government is using the strike as an example to more powerful groups in the Ontario Public Services Employees' Union (OPSEU), he said.

Miss Robarts expressed concern for the support staff. She said they're caught in the middle between the two negotiators. "They (support staff) have no choice, they have to follow through, I'm sorry they have to be used," she said.

LATEST OFFER

The latest offer from the Council of Regents was voted against by a group of union representatives. The council said it will not offer another contract until the entire membership of the support staff union votes on the latest contract offer.

As an example, Miss Robarts quoted figures associated with a clerk three support staff member. She said the employee's wages would increase by 77 cents per day from the council's offer of $44.87 to the union's demand of $45.64.

Miss Robarts said she felt the strikers are feeling the pinch of the weather, especially when they don't see anything happening between the union and the Council of Regents.

Miss Robarts said she has been working 12 hours a day trying to keep communication channels open and trying to deal with the press and the media people.

BEING USED

"I wish there was some way we could get the two parties back together," she said. "I really feel that the support staff people are being used by the union in Toronto. They can least afford to be out of work," she said.

The support staff union members were told to vote to strike by union officials to show strength, but were also told the vote would only be used as a show of strength and they wouldn't really strike, Miss Robarts said.

...while college saves $40,000 in wages

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

One of the realities of the support staff strike is that for each day the support unit is off the job, Niagara College saves about $5,000 by not paying the 123 workers. It is estimated that as the strike enters it eighth day today the college has saved approximately $40,000 in wages.

The gap between support staff wage demands and the Council of Regents offer stands at 1.75 per cent. The council is offering a six per cent increase as of Jan. 1, 1979, and the union is demanding 7.75 per cent. Both sides have agreed to an additional 2.78 per cent wage hike for September to December of last year, because of anti-inflation guildelines.

The 1.75 per cent difference, carried over the period of one year, works out to an average of $192.50 — just under the average support staff salary for one week, about $211.

However, the union claims the issue of fringe benefits is as important as wages. It is calling for a fringe benefit increase of 2.25 per cent, and Jerry Salfi, chief steward of local 243, says they've only been offered about .25 per cent of this.

The two main components of the fringe benefit demands are sick leave and vacation.

Support staff get six days leave at full pay each year. These days do not accumulate from year to year. After six days of illness, the support worker is put on short-term disability which provides her with two-thirds of their full salary. After the employee has been off work for six months, she is put on long-term disability, also at two-thirds pay.

The support staff is demanding that the number of sick days be increased to 10, with retention of the two-thirds dsiability allowance. The council offered one additional sick day during final negotiations before the strike.

Faculty, which is also a member of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, has a different sick plan: 1 2/3 days per month for a total of 20 days per year. These days, if unused, are accumulated from one year to another. There is no limit placed on the number of days saved up. Faculty does not have the two-thirds disability benefit.

DELAYS

Kay Steele, president of the support staff local, said that while their sick plan may seem reasonable, "the insurance companies are very quick to hassle us when we go on disability. And there can be delays of six to eight weeks when one tries to move from short-term to long-term disability."

Support staff is also demanding four weeks vacation after five years on the job. Under the present contract, they get three weeks vacation until their 12th year of employment, when a fourth week of vacation is added.

Faculty may donate 15% to strikers' fund

Faculty members at Niagara will be giving 15 per cent of their pay cheques for the duration of the support staff strike, if they choose to abide by the recommendations of their union executive.

In a memo circulated to faculty on Tuesday, the executive of the college's academic unit, local 242, of the Ontario Public Service Union calls for each member to contribute 15.4 per cent of his take-home pay to a fund to be used to assist the support staff.

The academic executive has calculated that for a member who is making the average faculty salary of $24,000, the contribution would equal $8.88 per day or $44.44 per week.

The memo advises faculty that "keeping in mind our own contractual problems with the government, we may be in the same situation in the near future and they are doing the ground work for us." The faculty contract expires in August.

Money contributed by faculty will be disbursed by the academic executive to the strike fund as needed.

The name of each donor and the amount he has contributed will be recorded. The memo explains this is necessary to disburse any funds which may be left over when the strike ends.

If all members of faculty contribute to the strike fund in the prescribed proportions, the weekly total will reach $10,000. The academic executive says this amount represents about half of the total support staff loss in take-home pay each week.

Kay Steele, president of Niagara's support staff local, said "the strike fund was not our idea. We appreciate their money, but we'd rather have their active participation. It's when they show their support in some visible way, like joining the picket lines, that this strike can be brought to a halt."

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This was the scene that greeted staff and students coming to Niagara College Monday, as the support staff was out in full force mass picketing. About 40 pickets succeeded in tying up traffic for close to 45 minutes as support staff handed out literature and tried to persuade people to go back home. Police were on hand to keep traffic moving and make sure nothing got out of hand. (Photo by Smith)

Cream concept okay with Kay if budget spread equitably

Skimming the cream off the top of the budget for the Ontario post-secondary school system and spreading it around on a more equitable basis "would suit the support staff fine," according to Kay Steele, support staff union local president.

John Michael, host of CJRN's daily morning talk show, put the cream concept to Kay Steele during an on-air conversation with her Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Steele told the talk show host that the government claimed it did not have enough money to give the support staff workers an increase. "They say they have no money, but there are college presidents making $60,000 a year."

The comment brought a round of cheers from support staff picketers who were huddled around a transistor radio in front of the main Hennepin entrance to the college.

Mr. Michael said that he had heard there were some threats of violence, and that he had been contacted by "a student president who was told by phone that "If you attend school, you will get your head kicked in."

Mrs. Steele responded "that must be Jeff Adamson, the SAC president...I wish students would tell us directly when something like this happens."

However Mr. Michael corrected her, and said that the harassed person was not necessarily the president of SAC.

In fact, Stan DeWitt, president of the Wellandvale student committee, says he has been threatened several times over the phone.

Mrs. Steele said, "Our fight is not with the students...It's unfortunate. Our bargaining is with the council (of Regents), but it's the students that get picketed."

Mr. Michael suggested the picketing was perhaps unnecessary, and the support staff could just erect their signs at the various college entrances.

"People would forget our signs pretty quickly," Mrs. Steele said. "We have to apply pressure...by distributing information, by inconveniencing people and by stopping deliveries."

"We're asking faculty for as much moral support as they can give us and to follow their consciences...which lets them off the hook very nicely really."

EDITORIAL PAGE I

Views / Predictions

Picket pointless

"SAC executive advises all students on main campus and satellites to boycott classes, Thursday, Feb. 1, 1979. . . and take a stand for student educational rights."

Thus read a leaflet being handed out to any and all students around the college Wednesday. I asked the individual handing them out exactly what the reasoning was. He parroted the leaflet's explanation that it was "for student educational rights." I see. So, students are not to attend classes so that they can ensure a proper education. The logic boggles the mind.

My leaflet carrier had an explanation. Although this college has not been greatly affected, other larger colleges have not had tests because of their close reliance on support staff handling marks and computers. Students aren't getting what they paid tuition for because of this, he said, and students have to "stand up for their rights" and boycott classes. This would end the strike sooner and get back the education that was paid for, or so I was told.

That's fine for those colleges. Students have not really been affected at Niagara. There has not been a mass cancellation of classes. The hallways have not yet been condemned by the Board of Health, because the night cleaning staff have taken care of any messes.

If other schools have been radically affected by the strike, it's up to them to boycott classes, if they want to. SAC's first responsibility is, or should be, to students of this school, not to students in the bigger colleges. Niagara students paid their tuition just as students in the other schools did, and they should be able to get their full money's worth in education as soon as possible so they can enter the work force quickly.

After informing me that a long, drawn-out strike is foreseen, my leaflet carrier told me "some colleges will be closed in one week anyway for health reasons," since there is no one to clean them. If they're going to be closed in one week, why the boycotting of classes to stop a long strike? Besides, it's those colleges that will be closed, not us.

Maybe there's a new fad starting, like the hula hoop and streaking. Everybody will picket! Pretty soon we'll have picketers picketing the picketers picketing the picketers. What fun!

Really, if support staff picketers are smart, they should have stayed inside and let the students do the picketing and freeze their butts off for a change.

Judy Suga

Irritable etiquette

"Mind your manners. Where were you raised? In a barn?"

Now where have you heard that before? These are typical lines our mothers would have asked us when we were boorish youngsters.

Mothers have to teach children how to conduct themselves respectfully.

Etiquette is defined as a conventional code of good manners which governs behavior in society and in professional or business life.

Having manners is not instinctual. It is a learned process. People are constantly judging our social bearing. Being courteous and respectful of others is a definite sign of how one has been raised.

You would think that anybody old enough to attend college would be reasonably versed in etiquette. Boy, was I shocked to see what slobs some individuals are. But don't get me wrong, such slobs are a minority of the students.Thank heaven for that!

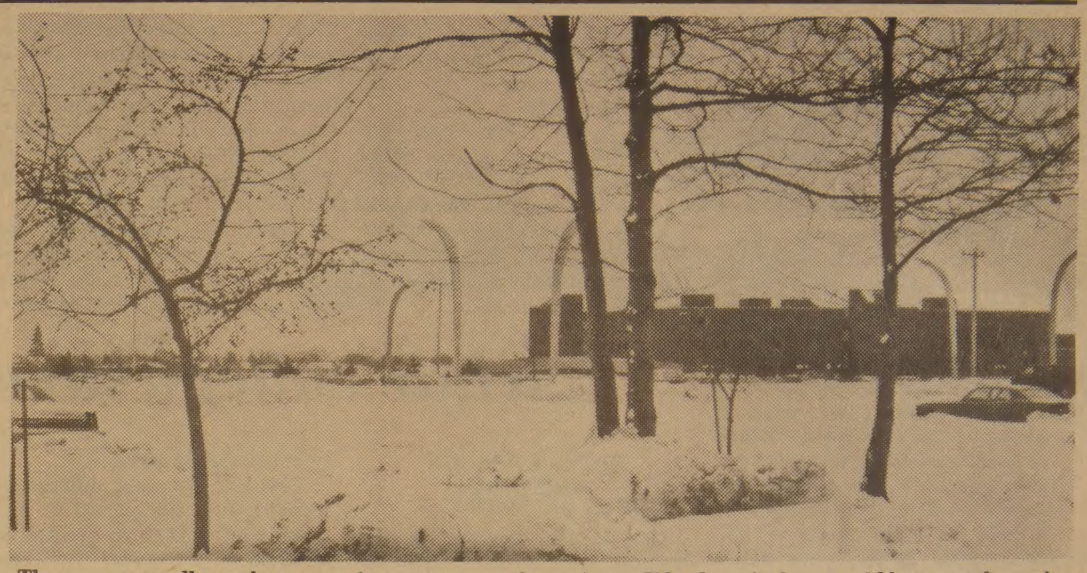
The cafeteria is where numbers of them may be found. Some people who eat there are real gems. The other day, while I was having a coffee and talking to a friend, I was distracted by grunting noises. I looked down the aisle to see two males lunching. Was that what they were doing?

One was slurping soup with almost his whole face in the bowl. The other was shovelling french fries down his throat. It was appalling to see their methods of eating.

Discourtesy has also been displayed at the picket lines. At times foul language fills the air as picketers and students attempt to outmatch each other in cursing. In addition, some people drive carelessly, endangering those on the roads.

I'll bet if the late Amy Vanderbilt ever found out about such unmannerly occurrences, she'd turn over in her grave.

Mary Koziello



The poor groundhog who was unfortunate enough to come out of hibernation today was met with cold reality and an icing of snow. If the groundhog sees his shadow, it means there will be six weeks left of winter. If he doesn't there could be an early spring. Are you out there, Supergroundhog?

(Photo by Righton)

February's shadowy prediction: Early spring or long winter?

By JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

Look, up from the ground! It's a dog, it's a fat squirrel . . . it's Supergroundhog! Faster than a flitting shadow, able to jump burrows in a single bound.

Today is his day, but originally Supergroundhog came from the planet Woodchuck on a special mission that was not confined to one day — to help inept weather forecasters predict what it would be like out tomorrow, and the next day, and the next, and . . .

Because Supergroundhog was always accurate in his predictions, he started what he called the Whether Weather's Wet or Watertight Agency in the Burrow of York. With the advent of satellite weather forecasting, Supergroundhog lost many customers. But, humankind was too grateful for the service rendered by Supergroundhog to forget him, and rewarded him by dedicating a day to him to predict the weather.

Always happy to fight for a lofty purpose, he chose Feb. 2 as his own day. But his task on this day was of such magnitude he had to sleep the entire winter through to prepare for it (in Woodchuck, the biological process was known as hibernation).

WEATHER OMEN

His system of premonition, being ingenious, was immediately adopted by humankind, especially those in North America. If Supergroundhog saw his shadow, it was an omen of six more weeks of bad winter weather. He would then return to his burrow, because he was getting old (though he wouldn't admit it) and he just couldn't fly in the cold as he used to.

But, if the day was cloudy and shadowless, he considered it a sign of the approaching spring, and he would be perfectly content to remain above ground.

As his prophecies were in greater demand, Supergroundhog taught Bear and Badger to hibernate as well, and commissioned them to perform the same service for mankind on Feb. 2 as he himself did.

Years later Supergroundhog reluctantly admitted that he had not been above-board in claiming originality in using Feb. 2. Candlemas Day was long since being celebrated in Europe.

Since spring planting began then on the continent, it was important for the people to know if they would have an early spring. Human leaders were simply scandalized when they found that Supergroundhog had stolen the idea, especially when they found in his burrow a copy of an old English song which read: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight; If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, Go, Winter, come not again."

BULLPIT

Passing the buck to pass courses

By TOM POWELL
Staff Writer

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Some Niagara College students are passing the buck. To pass.

This ad was found posted on a bulletin board in the Lundy building complete with phone number. Though this student shows initiative, he or she shows very little tact.

To some it may stand to reason that if you pay to come to school, you might as well pay to receive your diploma. However, it doesn't work that way.

It is not necessary to chastise this individual any further. He or she obviously realizes the chance being taken. What is interesting is that this person is just another example of the Peter principle — people rising to their own level of incompetence — extended to its fullest.

Whether or not this person succeeds this time is not really important. Eventually he or she will be caught or get caught up in something they can't handle. Just another example of being promoted to their own level of incompetence.

Someday this person will be complaining about someone who can't do his job properly. It is hoped at that time this person will realize the incompetent people he is dealing with probably achieved their place in life by the same means he or she did.

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EDITORIAL PAGE II

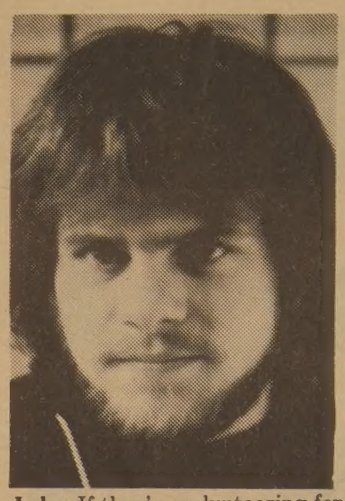
Quotes / Comments

ROVING REPORTER

Question: What is your reaction to the honorarium increase being proposed by the Student Administrative Council?

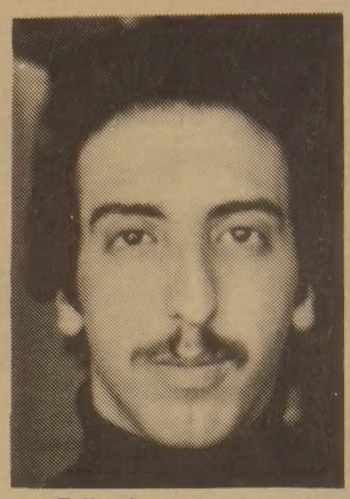
By DOUG SMITH and PAUL WILSON Staff Writers

Suzanne St. Laurent, second year Early Childhood Education, Welland: I think they should be paid according to the work they do. They're doing a good job, so $80 seems O.K. to me.



Fred Sentineal, second year General College, Niagara-on-the-Lake: If they're volunteering for the job, they shouldn't be paid at all. Hiring is a different matter. I think the $40 a month they're getting now is fine.

Marion Rocco, second year Early Childhood Education, Niagara Falls: Considering what they're doing, they do deserve some payment. But their suggestion of $80 seems high. I think $60 a month would be plenty.



Dominic Currado, third year Construction Technology, Niagara Falls: I wonder how they arrived at the figures on the questionnaire that they're distributing. The work they do is good and I agree there should be an increase, but $80 seems like a lot. I think I should go on the student council.

Mrs. Jane Murphy, English instructor, Niagara Falls: It's difficult to judge the value of their work. I think it should be linked to the number of hours involved.

It should be determined by their output.

Board rejects policy changes, mandatory retirement age out

By DOUG SMITH Staff Writer

Mandatory retirement will not be enforced at Niagara College.

After much controversy and discussion surrounding an earlier proposal to make 65 the official retirement age, the Board of Governors decided not to change the existing college policy.

The staff and student affairs committee of the college's Board of Governors told the Board Jan. 25 it had passed a motion stating, "that no mandatory retirement policy be implemented at Niagara College at this time," and that the president "explore the issue of performance evaluation of all employees."

"Sometimes no action is better than any action," Tony Custode, committee chairman, said. "We are willing to do what we see is the socially responsible thing to do."

The motion also stated that in order for the college to plan effectively "all employees at the age of 64 and annually thereafter shall provide the college with a written statement of their intentions regarding their future employment."

The committee has wrestled with the problem of mandatory retirement since a proposal came from the college's management committee to set the mandatory retirement age at 65.

ASKED FOR OPINION

The staff and student affairs committee held a meeting last November to gain suggestions from interested parties regarding any change in the retirement policy at Niagara College.

Also part of the motion, which met with board approval, was "that the president explore a methodology using whatever resources she deems necessary to explore the issue of performance evaluation of all employees, and that this committee (staff and student affairs) will continue to monitor the retirement issue in terms of social and legislated impact."

Mr. Custode said this action initiated "a lot of dialogue" between staff and the Board of Governors.

"We didn't want to engage in a conflict," Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the board, said, "and I think it will meet with general approval."

The committee felt one of the major points that the staff was trying to stress is that an individual's employment with the college should be based on performance, not age, Mr. Custode said.

"It came right back to the issue of performance," Mr. Custode said, "and that's a tough nut to crack."

"I don't see it as capitulation or giving in to pressure, but a number of reasonable people listening to other reasonable people and coming to a reasonable solution," he said.

BULLPIT

Picket war raises 'hell' for retraining students

By PETER EPP Staff Writer

Someone once said "War is Hell."

That statement may be true in itself, but did its author ever witness a strike and the greed that motivates its dark and deep practices?

I'm talking about the blitz picketing taking place at Welland Vale Centre in St. Catharines.

The retraining students there offered their verbal support more readily than any other student body when the support staff announced its intentions. An article in the Niagara News said almost 100 per cent of retraining students were in favor of the strike.

With all this support, you'd think the support staff would have enough sense to leave the retraining students alone. No. Instead they set up mass pickets at that satellite campus, trying to stop the students from attending classes.

A retraining student is paid his meagre allowance only if he attends classes. With that fact in mind, he must make every effort possible to cross the picket line. And what are the implications, other than attendance, if he does cross it? Many retraining students fear they will be blacklisted from any union involvement. Retraining students, therefore, put their job future on the line if they want to eat today.

The irony of the situation is that the support staff, in reaching for that bigger slice of the pie, must first take the crumbs from the people who understand their motives best.

From what I've seen in the attitude of the main campus students, the strike is something merely to be contended with. That's all. It's just an irritant, much like the fly bothering the sleeping dog.

For the students at Welland Vale, the dog is getting extremely angry and may have to bite back.

Letters to the Editor

Says strike peaceful

Dear Editor:

In the course of an average picketing day the strikers brave the natural elements, dodge cars and interpret crude gestures.

Apparently some students have conceived a violent image of the strikers. Do they actually sharpen their pickets for poking, have an arsenal of loaded snowballs or is a student the next to replace the hanging dummy at the main entrance? Fortunately, this isn't the case.

The strike is a peaceful form of communication for a specific cause. If any student would like to test the authenticity of this statement, they might try a radical approach, such as talking to the support staff on the lines. I guarantee you will receive a positive response to any calm intelligent questions.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre / Design

For theatre production

Students make their own puppets

They may not be creating Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy or other famous Muppets, but Niagara College theatre students are hard at work creating puppets of their own — Dr. Snivelstein, Zorgan the robot, and Waldo to name a few.

Instructed by Nina Keogh, a puppeteer of 21 years from Toronto, second-year theatre students are constructing six puppets which they will use in a puppet show to be shown before children.

The show tells of how five people left earth for the planet Zeon, only to fall victim to the wiles of Dr. Snivelstein, a mad scientist turned reporter. It was written by Will Sutton and Renee Bertrand. Ms Keogh helped the students write the script and is directing the construction of the puppets.

The puppets are in various stages of construction, Will Sutton said. Constructed out of foam rubber, they are made in the style of Muppets, only not as finely done.

"You decide what shape you're going to use and shave it down with scissors," he said. "The construction of the face depends on how detailed you want to get."

Shades of the Muppets! Actually, Will Sutton is not holding the famous puppet characters, but some of Niagara's very own —Waldo and Punky. (Photo by Holla)

Puppeteer-artist helps theatre students in play

By PHYLLIS BARNATT
Staff Writer

Puppets, puppets everywhere and every one is the creation of Nina Keogh, a third generation professional-commercial puppeteer and artist, who is helping Niagara College theatre arts students mount their production this term.

Miss Keogh is unique in Canadian talent in that she is the primary creator and operator of puppets for television and theatre in Canada. Her credits include the Friendly Giant series, which her father began in 1958, CBC public affairs shows, stage productions and television commercials for Sears, Bell Canada, Gulf, Kellogg's Great West Life, Ontario Hydro and the Ontario government.

The Keoghs had the first permanent puppet theatre in Canada during the years Miss Keogh's father operated the puppets for Friendly Giant, Maggie Muggins and Razzle Dazzle. Miss Keogh helped her father until his retirement in 1968 to Mexico when she inherited the show.

'ARTISTIC BENT'

During the time she was learning the television production, Miss Keogh attended art classes at Central Technical School but, realizing the nine-to-five routine just didn't fit with her "artistic bent," she gravitated increasingly to the high pressure lifestyle of television.

Eventually Miss Keogh moved from behind the cameras after her short stint on a talk show about dolls. Acting as one of three emcees on Drop-In, she gained exposure in front of the cameras which later led to a total of eight programs for CBC and educational TV as on-camera personality.

Although she had never actually built any puppets for the programs, when she was approached in 1974 to do commercials, she determinedly said, "Yes, of course I can," to her clients and thus began another facet of her career.

Her philosophy on her talents is that "television is interesting, it pays well and you get to meet people so I don't turn down anything," Miss Keogh said.

SLOWER PACE

Miss Keogh just completed a television pilot for a Hanna-Barbera—CTV co-production filmed in Vancouver. Her weeks at Niagara College caught her by surprise because of the "laid back, slower pace. It reminds me of California. The students aren't very verbal so far but I think they're finding it interesting as their puppets reach a closer stage to completion."

Her instruction is not intended to prepare students for careers in puppetry, only to give them some idea of the methods and techniques involved. Live theatre versus television puppetry provides an insight into the difficulties the viewing audience is rarely aware of.

Television puppetry allows numerous rehearsals, use of camera angles and monitors to view what is being recorded on film. Live theatre is either a make or break proposition.

"You have only one chance in theatre," Miss Keogh said. "If you blow it, that's it. The reaction is immediate as well. Puppeteers in theatre have difficulty learning to use monitors since everything is reversed."

Her latest creations, the Ontario Hydro "Off'dogs, brought her the greatest satisfaction recently.

SHE WEPT

"For the Pied Piper parade in St. Catharines I did the two 'Off' dogs. The children's reactions were fantastic. I was freaking out! Little kids, every single one of them, recognized the dogs and were shouting 'Off' and acting like Bogart. I was weeping through the whole thing."

Miss Keogh's other interests involve the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists and a position on its council.

Just to give an indication of the extent of Miss Keogh's work, she said: "Any commercials with puppets in the last 10 years probably were mine."

When you have that kind of talent and reputation in the field you know you're working with a dedicated professional.

Lighting most important

By EDDI VENTRESCA
Staff Writer

An audio-visual presentation of architectural structures in the environment by third year interior design students showed that lighting is one of the most important factors involved in creating an atmosphere.

The slide show presentation in the Hamilton Room Jan. 25 was a study of the environment in residential, administrative, educational and commercial buildings.

The effectiveness of existing architectural systems including lighting, ventilation, finishes and graphics was examined by the students who had to determine if the functional and aesthetic purposes were fulfilled.

Students photographed residences and schools in the peninsula and the city hall, Eaton's Centre and Permanent Trust Building in Toronto to illustrate the proper use of these systems.

Proper lighting should allow the occupant to be seen and recognized in comfort. Ventilation systems were usually incorporated into the window sills or ceilings.

Murals, paintings and abstract graphics are used to direct people to a reception area or office. Plants are used to hide a ventilation system or break the monotony of a plain wall.

OPEN AIR CONCEPT

Contrasting architectural designs of two St. Catharines elementary schools outlined the educational concepts used. An "open air concept" is used in a solar heated school with low ceilings, skylights, plants and tables seating several instead of separate desks.

A traditional elementary school with individual desks and high ceilings does not give the students the freedom of the open air concept. Walls are decorated by students' artwork in both schools.

In many commercial buildings the ventilation and graphics were used as functional or incorporated into the design for a decorative role.

Niagara College and Centennial Secondary School, Welland, and Brock University, St. Catharines were also photographed and studied.

Students made scaled models of room settings suggesting methods of incorporated all the systems and photogrpahed these models.

Ski trip to leave Feb. 16

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will sponsor a ski trip to Barrie Feb. 16.

The $3 cost includes the round trip bus fare, ski rentals for the day at Molson's Park, chili and buns, and music and beer.

The bus will leave the college at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back approximately 1 a.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday at the SAC office.

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What a way to start the day: Student rights vs strike right

First-year educational resource technician student Nora Allaster says she is sick of being stopped by picketers because "I've got enough problems in life without being hassled coming to school."

"I can see their (the picketers') point of view because I made more money six years ago in nursing," she said on Monday. "But I don't want them stopping me. We don't have that much time; we have assignments coming out of our eyeballs. I'll be damned if they're going to stop me at the gate."

Nora said she does not want to miss school because she is being checked for attendance...she has the right to come if she wants to.

"They have the right to strike, I have the right to come to class. They have no right to stop me."

She said one of her instructors was asked by a picketer what she was doing at the college on Friday, because her class was away at a conference. A picketer later told Nora not to come on Monday.

"One of the picketers told me they were going to have massive pickets on Monday and my nice new car might not get through," she said. "I don't really think they'd hurt my car or anything."

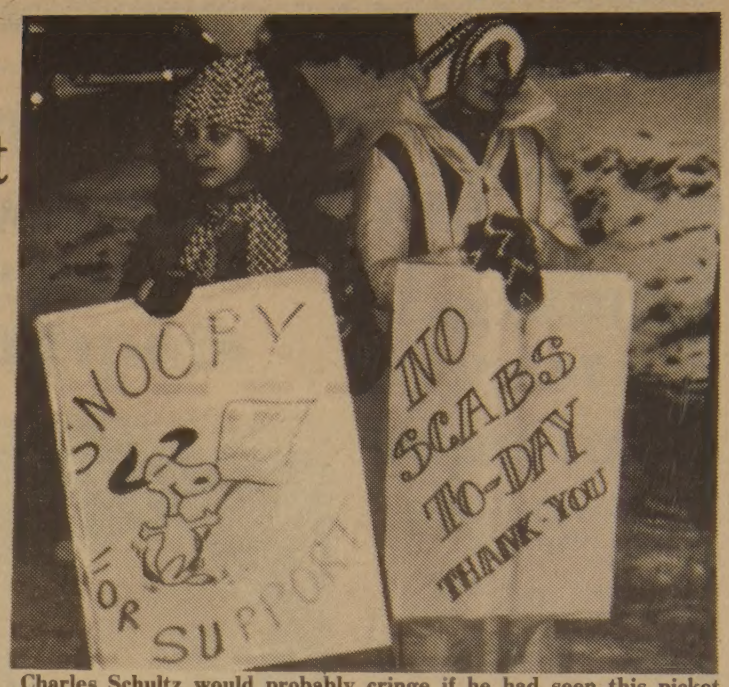
Nora said she arrived at 7:55 on Monday morning before there were police at the main entrance. She didn't have any real problems with the picketers. "I just had to wait," she said. "They just walk in front of your car and laugh and snicker at you."

She said she will try to go through the picket lines, but she would "rather look for an alternative route than cause trouble."

"I don't want to hurt their feelings, and I don't want them to hurt mine."

Her class has not been greatly affected by the strike so far, she said.

"If every student decided to go on a sympathy strike, sure, I would too. But otherwise..."



Charles Schultz would probably cringe if he had seen this picket adorning the line at Niagara College last Monday. It seems that lovable mutt, Snoopy, has pledged his allegiance to the support staff. Wonder if Snoopy even knows what a support staff is?

(Photo by Smith)

Strike Digest

Differ but still friends

Concerned that drivers might damage their cars leaving the main campus via Woodlawn Road, picketers erected a snow wall in front of a water-filled hole at the west side of the road.

The area appears to be only water on the road, but picketers said the hole is "quite deep." Some said the frame or wheel of a car could be damaged in dropping into the hole.

The wall also holds a picket sign indicating the support staff is on strike.

Missing teachers on line

A number of the students in the school of business were perturbed to find three of their math teachers missing Monday morning while the support staff waged a mass picket outside Hennepin Hall.

Classes were cancelled for the day and at least one test was cancelled, only to be rescheduled later in the week. One student said he saw the teachers walking the picket line as he entered the school.

Arnot McIntee, dean of the school of business, would not comment.

Cable keeps NC on air

Programs presented by Niagara College media services on cable television will continue because they are on videotape, Keith Lindberg, co-ordinator of radio and TV services, said.

Mr. Lindberg said the college always planned on feeding cable television in the event of a strike.

"I can feed them out of the college at night or send them through Maclean-Hunter in St. Catharines to both cable companies."

Mr. Lindberg said last week's presentation of a live basketball doubleheader could not be shown because support staff were needed to aid in the broadcast.

Duplicating not clicking

Operations at Niagara's duplicating services "sure are slower," George Rushton, employee in charge of Reprographics, said.

"We're having a tough time getting by," Mr. Rushton said. "Everyone at the college faces the same problem."

Board urges fair contract

Niagara College, through the Board of Governors, has sent a telegram to the Council of Regents urging them to pursue a "fair, just and equitable" settlement to the support staff strike.

In a closed committee meeting Jan. 25, the board sent a message to Norman Williams, chairman of the Council of Regents, saying: "With respect to the strike of support staff at community colleges, the Board of Governors at Niagara College urges the Council or Regents to pursue vigorously any and all options available to them with a view to effecting an early settlement which is fair, just and equitable to all parties."

The telegram was sent last week and was signed by board chairman Eleanor Lancaster.

Pickets perturb parkers

Jane Murphy had to park illegally, but she did so that no one would get hurt.

The English instructor said she tried to get past the support staff picket line at the main entrance Wednesday, but because of the picketers standing in front of her car, was forced to use another entrance.

She said she could have driven through the picket line but she "didn't want to take the chance on hurting someone."

The only way to get through the picket line, she said, would be to "edge your way through."

Mrs. Murphy said she originally intended to park at the First Avenue parking lot but, because it was after "the first class," the lot was full so she tried to get to the main parking lot.

Mrs. Murphy said she finally drove back to the First Avenue parking lot and parked illegally.

Car mugger

A student said support staff picketers jumped on his car and kicked the rear bumper during Monday's mass picket.

Jim Walker, a third year interior design student, said he was coming through the picket lines about 11 a.m. when one picketer jumped on the front of his car. The police were not at the line, he said.

"As the picketer was coming off the car, I heard someone kick the rear bumper." He said he was "aggravated" by the experience.

Run for life

A third-year interior design student could injure someone if he doesn't slow down when crossing the picket line, Brian McKeown, support staff picketer, said.

Brian said Jim Walker constantly drives through the picket line without slowing, and many picketers are saying he could injure someone.

"All we ask, especially for Jim, is that he slow down before he comes through the line," Brian said. "He's running the line constantly and we want no one to get hurt."

While a few students run the lines dangerously, most are "fairly decent" when crossing the picket line, he said. The support staff are only asking that students slow down and be careful.

"We're not here to hassle anyone," Brian said.

Dilemma at Welland Vale

Caught between two interests, retraining students at Welland Vale Centre feel they are "damned if they do and damned if they don't" cross the support staff picket line, Howard Wilson, a retraining student said.

Since Canada Manpower and Unemployment Insurance only pay the retraining student's allowance if they attend class, many students are crossing the picket line, Mr. Wilson said, despite the fear of being blacklisted from a union job.

Stan DeWitt, president of the student committee at Welland Vale, said because of strikers at the campus, the students are "on edge."

"You can feel the tension," he said. "The students are not in very good humor."

A mass picket was organized for the Welland Vale Centre last Friday. Mr. DeWitt said he was not able to get past the picket line that day.

Snappy signs abound

Creativity at its highest level has been demonstrated throughout the strike and if support staff employees should ever lose their jobs, they have a future in signwriting.

Long hours, plenty of thought and a lot of bristol board went into making strike placards, some of which expressed support staff feeling quite well.

One eye-catching sign of a large screw was accompanied by the slogan "Screwed Again." Another said "This Strike Compliments of the Council of Rodents."

John Lynch, Council of Regents negotiator, was caricatured as a frog with the slogan "Lynch is hopping mad."

Many carried posters of a fortune teller gazing into a crystal ball labelled as "Council of Regents Financial Adviser."

"Lynch Lynch" was popular as was a sign at the bottom of an effigy of Mr. Lynch with a rope around its neck saying "Jerk Lynch."

One message that wasn't as obvious but represented the support staff's views of the Council's offer of a six per cent increase was written on the effigy's head. It said "Kiss My Herbie."

Part-time staffer challenges pickets

A part-time support staff employee and former Niagara College student, ran the picket line at Welland Vale last Friday missing a group of picketers.

The car was approached by a support staff striker as she was entering the school, Sylvia Bagley, a picketer, said. The car slowed down, then plowed through the line, brushing picketer Jerry Salfi.

The action angered picketers and, in particular, Ms Bagley. "Part-time support staff people only replace us at peak work periods," Ms Bagley said. "She has no job security."

There were two casualties reported from Friday's picket. Mr. Salfi, communications co-ordinator, and Kay Steele, president of the union local, both suffered banged-up knees from cars coming too close for comfort.

In one incident, Mrs. Steele was lifted up onto the windshield of a car as it attempted to cross the line. She was unhurt.

Aside from the two incidents no other complaints were registered.

"We were very effective in that we turned some people away who were coming in and disrupted classes and distributed a good deal of literature," Mrs. Steele said. "It will be done again, you can count on it."

Protest cutback to MP

Ninety-three letters, most protesting cutbacks in Canada Manpower training allowance and unemployment insurance, were presented to St. Catharines member of parliament Gilbert Parent Jan. 26 by six retraining students from the Welland Vale Centre.

The retraining students had originally wanted the MP to visit their campus and conduct a question and answer period with the students regarding the cutbacks and other complaints.

Mr. Parent said he would pass the protest letters to federal Manpower minister Bud Cullen.

Howard Wilson, a welding student at the satellite campus and organizer of the petition, said he felt Mr. Parent was "sincere" in his wishes for the retraining students.

Mr. Wilson said he still intends to have Mr. Parent at the Welland Vale Centre to answer any questions on the cutback.

Jim Bradley, provincial MPP for St. Catharines, said he "sympathizes" with the retraining students. Mr. Wilson said the MPP recommended Dr. Robert Elgie, minister of labor for the Ontario cabinet, as the person to get in touch with.

The 93 letters of protest dealt mainly with the allowance cutbacks. The benefits were cut back six per cent, which works out to 10 per cent when all factors are considered.

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Keeping it moving

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Hang 'em high

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Would you beep?

The strike scene captured by cameras

1. Frequent visits by Niagara Regional Police are ensuring motorists a safe passage through support staff picket lines. 2. Union local 243 secretary Judy Ventresca [left] waits her turn as union president Kay Steele follows instructions on a sign below an effigy of John Lynch, chief negotiator for the Council of Regents. 3. The gallows are empty in front of Hennepin Hall and the location of the "missing Lynch" is a mystery. 4. Jerry Salfi, strike committee communications director, seeks support from motorists. 5. A trailer parked on Woodlawn Road is a refuge for cold, thirsty support staff picketers. 6. Fred Bomers, Niagara Frontier food services manager, has been visiting picket lines daily bringing them hot coffee. (Photos by Smith and Ventresca)

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Asking for support

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A striker's shelter

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Was that two coffees?

... and the strike goes on

These warmly-bundled-up picketers, members of the support staff union, were stopping cars at the First Avenue parking lot Monday morning asking students to turn back home. (Photo by Koziello)

Hazardous lighting costs college $6,371

The lighting system at the Theatre Centre has been repaired, at a cost of $6,371, and now conforms to Ontario Safety Code regulations.

A tender from Giles Electric Ltd., of Fonthill, was approved by the Board of Governors Jan. 25 for work done on the system.

The lighting system was shut down in November after a report from the college electrician showed the system to be a safety hazard.

The Board of Governors looked into alternative sites for the lighting classes, but could come up with none that met all the requirements of the program.

The finance and property committee of the Board stressed that only qualified people should be permitted to work on the basic wiring at the Theatre Centre, committee chairman Harry Picken said.

"We will watch this situation very carefully in the future," Mr. Picken said.

The tender was from the lowest bidder and was approved by Mr. Picken and Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the Board, so that repairs could be made immediately.

"We could have a very serious accident so the situation had to be cleared up quickly," Mr. Picken said.

EXPRESSED CONCERN

While discussing this tender, W.H. Burton, a member of the Board of Governors, said he was concerned about spending large amounts of money on equipment that is not being kept in good working order, Mr. Picken said.

The college inspected facilities at the Royal George Theatre and the Shaw Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Brock University but found them all unsuitable for the college's purpose.

Mr. Picken said the committee will stress the importance of preventive maintenance on equipment such as the lighting system.

Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said repairs to the system have brought it up to safety code standards right now, but that the code could be amended at any time.

The problems of the lighting system were brought to the attention of the Board of Governors by John Rapsey, theatre arts program co-ordinator, after he presented a brief to the Student Administrative Council (SAC), requesting $12,000 towards a total cost of $30,000 for a new system.

A report done by college electrician Glenn Brooks, showed repairs to the system were done with "complete disregard for the Ontario Safety Code."

The system was then closed, causing cancellation of some lighting classes for students and the Christmas production had to be moved to Centennial High School. Lighting classes will be made up now that the system has been repaired.

College buys 'landmark' Niagara Falls location

A piece of land which "will ultimately become a landmark" has been purchased by Niagara College in Niagara Falls, the Board of Governors was told at a meeting Jan. 25.

Harry Picken, vice-chairman of the board and chairman of the finance and property committee, told the board the property "will ultimately become a landmark of the presence of Niagara College in Niagara Falls."

The college already owns a piece of land in Niagara Falls and this acquisition will give the college an easement from Ontario Hydro.

The land, located on Oakwood Drive, Niagara Falls, will cost the college $7,746.

"Now that we have the right of way, all we need is the money to build a building there," Mr. Picken said.

The money for the purchase will come from college reserves.

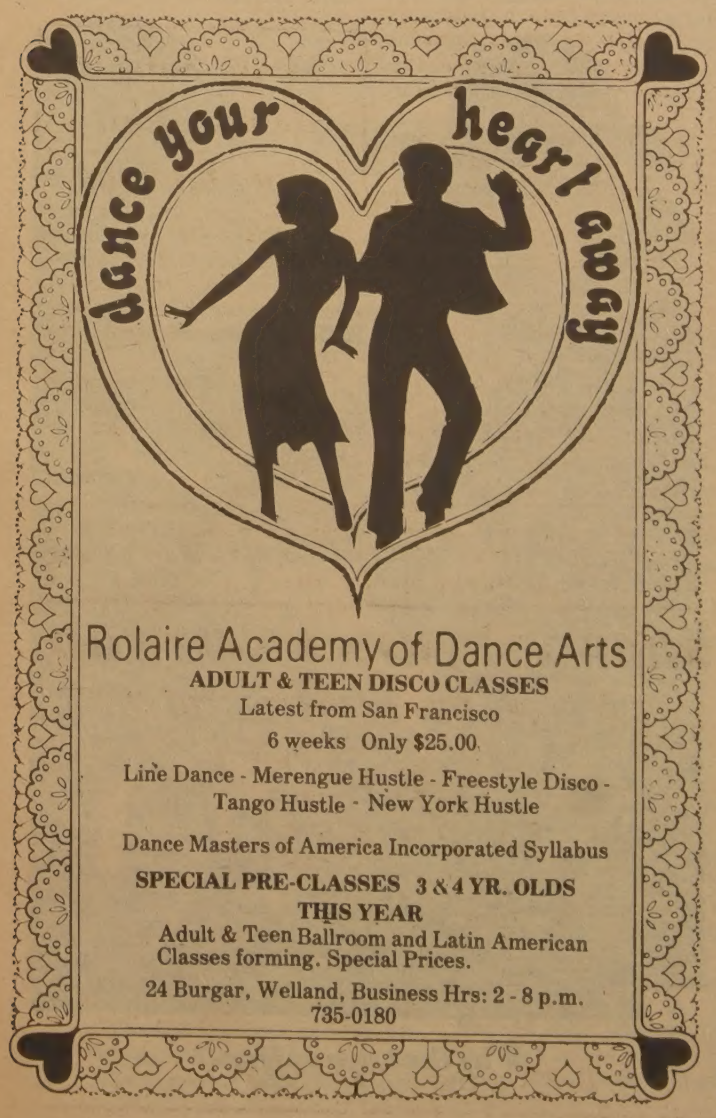
The new campus will probably be the site of tourism, hotel and restaurant administration courses, Mr. Picken said, but nothing definite has been set yet.

"Anything final is still a long way in the future," he said.

The college already operates a campus, the Rainbow Centre, in Niagara Falls for hotel students.

Kees receives appointment

Steven Kees, chief librarian at Niagara College, has been appointed to the regional committee of the Niagara Regional Library system.



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Exchange program offers travel and adventure

By RON HOLLA
Staff Writer

While most of his friends were either in university, college or out working, Gary Cornett was helping a Filipino family fish at 4 a.m. He also sat on an Indian band council, worked with the RCMP and helped present culture shows for Filipino villagers.

Gary did all this as a member of Canada World Youth (CWY), an organization which sponsors cultural exchanges between Canada and 12 Third World countries. He spent seven months in the program, 3½ months in western Canada and 3½ months in the Philippines. Gary said he had "mixed feelings" while in the project.

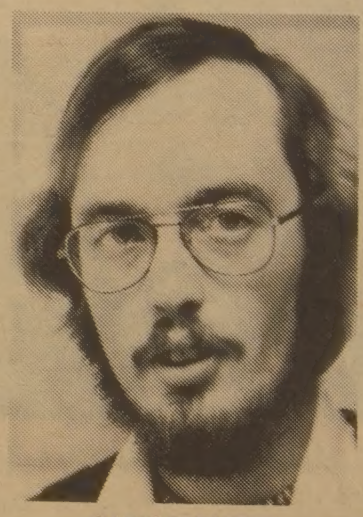
CREATES UNCERTAINTY

"You're happy here, established in an area," he said. "Then you're snatched from that and placed in something new. It creates a lot of mixed feelings — you have 15 people you must eat, sleep and live with whether you like it or not."

Gary, 22, is the son of Harry Cornett, dean of retraining, and Mrs. Cornett. He is a business administration student at Brock University.

He described how he first heard of CWY. "I wanted an alternative," while in Grade 12, he said. Two men who came from CWY projects in Barrie stirred his imagination and he applied in January, 1976.

"They receive 3,000 to 4,000 applications per period (eight months)," he said. "They try to get a cross-section of Canadians."



GARY CORNETT

After he was accepted in September, 1976, Gary met a group of Filipino young people who were in Canada through the Philippine counterpart of CWY. The Filipinos and Canadians were divided into teams and their first project involved working on an Indian reserve in northern Saskatchewan.

"I was sitting on the band council," he said, adding the project workers helped the council to improve conditions on the reserve, to encourage local industry, and to deal with the department of Indian and northern affairs.

MOVED TO COURTNEY

Gary moved a few months later to Courtney, B.C., working as an observer with the RCMP. Other members of the project team worked in social affairs, education and other community efforts.

Most members of the community received project members with little difficulty, even showing interest in the Filipino counterparts, but there was some resistance at first because some community members wondered what the project money was being wasted on.

In December, Gary and his Canadian project members flew to Manila in the Philippines and drove from there to their new project site in Sabu.

Gary said that within three weeks the Filipinos received the Canadians with open arms. "We put on culture shows in communities which demonstrated our lifestyle," Gary said. "They loved us."

Though he was involved in nutrition, Gary had to do manual work, too.

HELPED TO FISH

"I got up at 4 a.m. to help the family I was living with fish," he said. "This was to help them help support us."

Leaving the program in April, however, was a bit of a shock and it took him almost a year to adjust, he said. One who leaves a project and the people he lived and worked with must find new means of support.

But he said he felt it was an excellent program which opened his eyes to what was going on. The "average Joe Canadian" sees what he wants to see and lives in a sheltered world.

Gary said he wouldn't mind going back on the project.

"I could benefit from it again," he said. "But I'll never go tourist."

Journalism student leaves for new job in Sarnia

The Niagara News staff will be minus one reporter as of Feb. 5 when Joe Wallace starts his sports writing job with the Sarnia Observer.

The 22-year-old Niagara Falls native "sent out applications everywhere" and was called to Sarnia for an interview on Jan. 19.

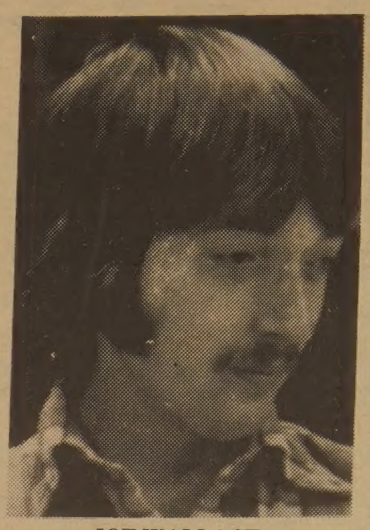
"I really didn't think I'd get anything so soon," he said.

Joe said he has been interested in journalism since he was 12, whereas his brother, Jim, sports writer for the St. Catharines Standard (who also studied journalism at Niagara), "decided at the spur of the moment."

"I'll be writing sports in Sarnia, but I would eventually like to move into general newswriting," Joe said.

"Mr. Jelbert (program co-ordinator) and Mrs. Blue (journalism instructor) treat us like professionals by offering us constructive criticism to prepare us for the working world."

For the past four years, Joe has been sports correspondent for the Niagara Falls Review. He attended Carleton University, in Ottawa, for two years in journalism after graduating from Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute.



JOE WALLACE

He and his wife Linda live at 6136 Barker St., Niagara Falls, and will move to Sarnia within the month.

Welding students make roses from copper for Festival

By JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet...but it might not look as pretty as the copper roses being made for the Celebrate Canada Festival by welding students.

An "unbelievable" amount of work is being done by eight retraining students in George Kovacs' steel lay-out and welding classes, Mr. Kovacs said. The four men and women are making projects to sell at the festival, including copper tea roses, individually and in bouquets; bullrush and butterfly centre pieces, candelabra, abstract and sunburst wall hangings, pyramids and other articles.

Mr. Kovacs said this is the first time the class has participated in projects for the Celebrate Canada Festival. He discussed the possibility with the class after festival co-convener Gail Hilyer sent him an invitation to participate in December.

ALL FOR IT

Mr. Kovacs said the students "were all for it" despite the fact that "they did 90 per cent of the work on their own time."

"They did unbelievable work on those projects. They took them home and I think they did a beautiful job on everything."

The women did the more delicate work "because the boys have too heavy a touch for the finer work like the rose petals," Mr. Kovacs said.

He said he is "footing all the bill right now" for raw materials, but he will be reimbursed with money made from sales; the remainder of the profits are to be spent on next year's Celebrate Canada Festival.

Welding student Lesley Bell cuts out felt for the bottom of a bouquet of copper roses made for the Celebrate Canada Festival. (Photo by Suga)

Lesley Bell, one of the women to work on festival projects, said she was glad she did.

"It's really different from the run-of-the-mill welding we learn in class. I learned a lot and I did something beautiful. Well, it appeals to my artistic sense, anyway."

Nuclear power is vital energy in Ontario

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

James Weller, general manager of the Canadian Nuclear Association, said he tries to get into the minds of people that nuclear energy is one of many very vital energy sources.

Mr. Weller, speaking to Niagara College journalism students Tuesday, said nuclear energy gets a "bad press" because scientists and engineers are "notoriously bad communicators." To compound the problem there are few reporters in the media who have backgrounds in science and technology. Readers often are confused as to what is fact or fiction, Mr. Weller said.

Nuclear energy is produced by fissioning uranium. Canada contains 20 per cent of the world's supply of uranium. It is a readily available material in Ontario at Elliot Lake, he said.

The dangers of radioactive wastes and other scientific "scare stories" have been sensationalized in the press, Mr. Weller said. He called television programs and magazine articles that tend to discredit science "totally irresponsible." Some headlines that appeared in American media were: "Frightful log of a near nuclear miss," and "The nuclear beast — how many offspring?"

Nuclear energy is considered dangerous "because of the perceived dangers that one is dealing with radioactive materials." Radio-active wastes are extremely dangoerous but with the proper treatment and the proper disposal there is no danger, he said.

Nuclear power is used in technology and in medicine.

OTHER USES

"Thirty per cent of the electricity produced by Ontario Hydro is nuclear energy," Mr. Weller said. Contrary to adverse media coverage, Ontario Hydro has a good reputation and produces electricity for customers at one-third of the cost of other countries.

A quantitative comparison of the dangers of energy sources made by Herbert Inhaver of the Atomic Energy Board found nuclear power was the second safest form of energy. Natural gas was found to be the safest and coal was the most dangerous, Mr. Weller said.

"Canada has always been a forerunner of nuclear development," he said. Canada has the leading reputation in the western world in the design of cancer therapy units.

Ontario has 7,000 megawatts of hydro energy on line. A generating unit at Pickering produces 3,000 megawatts and a unit at Bruce on Lake Huron produces 4,000 megawatts. There are more generating units under construction and a 2,000 megawatt experimental station at Rolphton.

In the 1950s and 60s it was believed nuclear energy was the answer to everything. Now energy sources such as solar and biomass are believed to answer all problems.

SOLAR DANGERS, TOO

In The Nuclear Challenge, author Alan Wyatt, formerly dean of faculty at Niagara, found solar space heating and solar thermal to be potentially dangerous because large amounts of material are lost in production, Mr. Weller said.

In terms of reporting science and technology, there is often a clash between technical knowledge and emotional opinion. Mr. Weller stressed the important place media occupies in society and the dangers of manipulation of the media.

Many scientific articles are slanted or uninformed, Mr. Weller said.

Mr. Weller is an electrical engineering graduate who has edited technical magazines in Britian and Canada. He came to Canada in 1958 and got a job at Maclean-Hunter editing the magazines Design Engineering and Canadian Machinery.

Ontario leads the other provinces in the development of hydro and nuclear energy. Quebec has a 200 megawatt boiling water experimental station and a 600 megawatt station. New Brunswick has a 600 megawatt station on the Bay of Fundy and Manitoba has a Nuclear Research Centre at Pinawa. The other provinces have not developed these energy sources yet, he said.

ERT students raise money for heart machine fund

By EDDI VENTRESCA
Staff Writer

Educational resource technician students are trying to involve Niagara College in Help a Child's Heart Beat, a campaign raising money for a $125,000 diagnostic heart machine for the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

A Dec. 7 article in the Welland Evening Tribune about a two-year-old Welland boy needing extensive open heart surgery sparked Nora Allaster, first-year ERT student, to take interest in the campaign started by a group of concerned Fort Erie citizens last August.

The Hospital for Sick Children agreed to put up $85,000 if the campaign could raise $40,000 by March. The campaign is less than $10,000 away from its goal.

The three-dimensional heart machine allows the entire heart to be viewed and monitors a patient's condition before and after open heart surgery.

FOR DRAWS

Miss Allaster said Andrew Enterprises, 436 East Main St., donated a $600 set of cookware and tickets for the draw which will be sold. She hopes to display the set at the college.

Last month, General Signal Appliances Ltd. donated a coffee machine to the ERT program and students have been buying their coffee from it. In the first week, the students raised $30, she said.

The Student's Administrative Council has donated the use of its Xerox machine. Photo copies are five cents.

Miss Allaster is planning a silver collection or "dime day" at the college so faculty and students can donate to the fund.

She said she wants to make "the community aware of the college by contributing to the fund."

The machine, harmless and painless, will save about 200 children in the Niagara peninsula from the pain of catheterization, a process involving an incision in the groin area or in the arm through which a catheter or rubber tube carrying dye is fed into the heart area revealing any defect. Heart defects in children can be more accurately determined and more precision in studying post-operative functions of the heart will be possible.

Any programs or students interested in joining the campaign are asked to see Miss Allaster in the ERT department.

Strike causes dental clinic filing backlog

The filing system is the main problem facing the dental clinic because of the support staff strike, Sandra Stewart, dental auxiliary program instructor, said.

The clinic, run by second-year hygiene students on the third floor of the Simcoe building, will remain open.

Dina Lacey, clinical technician, is off because of the strike. As a result, there is some confusion at the desk and files are being put in boxes.

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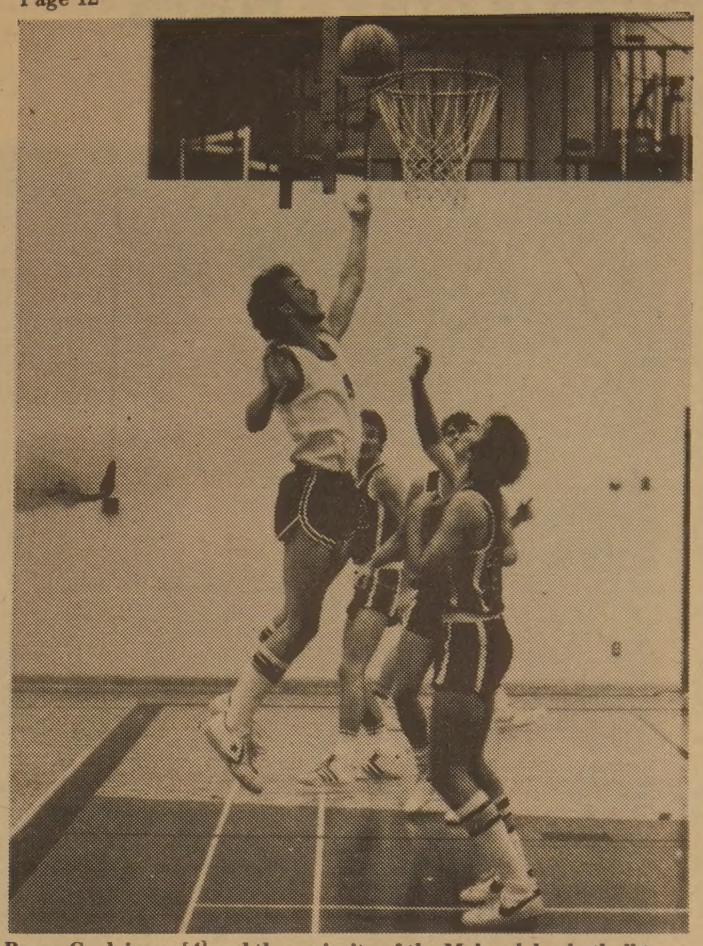

Bruno Couloinger [4] and the majority of the Mohawk basketball team wait to see what will happen to a shot the Niagara player has thrown towards the basket. Most of Niagara's shots dropped out rather than in as the Knights were routed 61-29 by the strong Mohawk team.
(Photo by Brodie)

Cagers scalp Braves 73-60 as Kicinski breaks slump

Ted Kicinski broke out of a mild scoring slump, pumping in 27 points as the Niagara Knights dumped the Seneca Braves 73-60 in an OCAA basketball game Jan. 26 in Toronto.

Kicinski, held in check during the Knights' first three games of the term, scored 19 points in the second half as Niagara overcame a 35-33 halftime deficit on their way to the victory.

Seneca built up their margin at intermission behind the shooting of Raphael Harris, who scored eight baskets. However, Harris ran into foul trouble in the second half and never scored again.

Bruno Couloigner helped Niagara with 14 points and Wilf Muller added 11. The Braves were spearheaded by Paul Berry, who tallied 19 points, and Harris, who totaled 16.

Niagara's win hiked their season record to 6-11 in the OCAA Western Division. The Knights have won three of their four last games in the term.

Name NHL stars for summit clash

With summit series with the Soviet Union just a week away, the National Hockey League announced yesterday the complete team that will face the Russians.

The three-game series will be held in Madison Square Garden in New York City, and will be the first time an all-star team from the NHL has faced the national team from the Soviet Union.

Americans 'walk away' with badminton tourney

State University of New York (Suny) "just walked away with the tournament" last Saturday, said Rick McLintock, Niagara College assistant badminton coach, as Niagara played host to a badminton competition attended by four other schools.

Fern Lucarelli, 21, first year Social Services, Niagara, and Karen Oakes, 20, first year Hotel and Restaurant Administration, Niagara, combined efforts to walk away with the women's doubles honors.

WIN SINGLES

Ravi Prakash, SUNY student, won the men's singles and the mixed doubles with fellow student D. D. Fisher. Miss Fisher also won the women's singles.

"The team played well considering the experience they have," Mr. McLintock said. "Ron McKay had a very strong tournament."

Mohawk College, Brock University, Seneca College and SUNY were invited by Niagara to compete in the tournament.

Fern Lucarelli, 21, first year Social Services and Kevin, Chin, 20, second year Mechanical Engineering, teamed up to compete in the mixed doubles category in a badminton tournament held at Niagara last Saturday. The pair didn't win but had a good time competing.

Knights suffer scoring famine, thumped by Mohawk 61-29

A long scoring famine did in the Niagara Knights as they absorbed a 61-29 thumping at the hands of the powerful Mohawk Mountaineers in an OCAA basketball game Jan. 25.

Niagara had cut the Mohawk lead to 32-23 with 14:29 to play, and appeared ready to duplicate their feat of two weeks earlier when they gave Centennial a scare before finally succumbing.

The next Knight basket did not come until 9:11 later, and by that time Mohawk had tacked on another 16 points to their total, making the score 48-23.

It was the second whipping the Knights suffered at the hands of the tough Mountaineers this season, having absorbed a 90-27 shellacking in Hamilton Nov. 21.

Leading 24-13 at halftime, Mohawk quickly extended their lead to 17 points when Dave Dinney scored the first six points of the second half.

However, Niagara tightened up their defence and chopped the deficit to nine points.

The Knights became frustrated and began to take difficult shots. The rebounds were gobbled up by the Mountaineers and turned into fast break baskets.

John Rickus led Mohawk with 21 points, while Dinney chipped in with 18. Mike Czerlau led Niagara with nine points, Ted Kicinski and Bruno Couloigner added eight to the Niagara total.

NOTICE

NIAGARA COLLEGE STUDENTS AND VISITORS

During the period of strike by Support Staff workers, Niagara College will endeavor to maintain academic instruction for our full and part-time students at all campus locations.

Some reduction of services may be necessary during the strike, but to the best of the College's ability we hope to continue academic instruction so that our many thousands of students can complete their educational courses and programs without loss of time or credit. Applications for programs starting in September 1979 are still being accepted during the strike.

In order to avoid personal injury to anyone, we ask all students and others driving on to our campus grounds to slow down at picket lines during the strike.

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NIAGARA COLLEGE

Curlers take top honors in Robbie Burns bonspiel

Niagara's men's curling team won their first title of the year as they captured the Robbie Burns Invitational Bonspiel at the Welland Curling Club Jan. 25.

The curlers finished on top by winning three matches. Sixteen regular curling teams (not colleges) were divided into two draws for the tournament.

The members of the winning rink were Jeff Gibson, skip; Tom Grimes, vice; Rick Detenback, second, and Sam Bahuk, lead.

Robert Young, organizer of the team, said he had expected the team to win the event.

"Potentially, I felt we would take it," he said. "We have a real strong men's team, and I expect them to finish high in the OCAA (Ontario College Athletic Association) playdowns in March."

Mr. Young said he entered the curlers in many bonspiels, including one this weekend in Brantford.

"We will enter our men's, mixed and faculty teams against those of other community colleges," he said.

Mr. Young said he is short one girl for his mixed curling team, "which is causing quite a problem, as you might expect."

He said there is a spot open for any woman interested in curling. "If they don't want to curl competitively, than can always do it leisurely for fun."

OHA exec. gone? find out today

The Ontario Major Junior A hockey league was shocked Tuesday as commissioner William Beagan resigned. Or did he?

Published reports said Beagan had quit, but he now says the whole thing was a misunderstanding and has called a press conference to explain the situation.

SPORTS

Paul Berstling(20) of Niagara fires in one of six goals that eluded Gannon goaltender Chris Winter's clutches during the Knight's 6-2 win over the American team in Erie, Pa. Niagara received scoring from six different players during their easy win that hiked their record in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League to 11-1-1. The Knights own sole possession of first place in the loop during their initial year of competition. (Photo by Brodie)

Knights defeat Gannon 6-2

ERIE, Pa. — Niagara Knights received goals from six different players as they gave a workmanlike performance in defeating the Gannon Golden Knights 6-2 in a hockey game here Jan. 26.

The game was never really in doubt as it was obvious from the beginning that Gannon could not skate with the faster Knights Niagara broke out to a 4-1 lead midway through the second period and coasted home from there.

The win upped Niagara's record in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League to 11-1-1, tightening their hold on first place in the loop.

Niagara's marksmen included Brett Belaire, Mike Chartrand, Mark Patterson, Randy Kerr, Terry Chayka and Paul Berstling. Larry Collins and Bill Southard replied for Gannon.

OUTSTANDING

Kerr, who also set up two goals, was selected the most outstanding player in the game for Niagara.

The Knights opened the scoring quickly in the first period, tallying at 1:15 on Belaire's high shot that beat Gannon goaltender Chris Winter high on the stick side.

The goal was set up by Andy Cieri.

Niagara continued to dominate the action, keeping the puck almost exclusively in the Gannon end of the ice. Winter was forced to make big saves on Chayka, Rob Gibson and Mike Wolochatiuk.

However, the Knights did score again while shorthanded. The rebound of a save off Steve Bustard's breakaway was relayed by Keith Bull to Chayka, who fired it into the goal.

Chartrand took a pass from Kerr in front of the net and scored minutes later to close out the first period scoring.

EXCELLENT STOPS

Niagara goaltender Jim Pearce went relatively untested in the first period, except for a two-man advantage enjoyed by Gannon late in the frame. He made excellent stops on Collins and Jeff Butikoken to keep the Golden Knights off the scoresheet.

The first period was marred by spotty officiating that tended to favor the home team. Flagrant rule infractions, particularly slashing and high-sticking, either went unnoticed or were let go by the officials leaving Knights coach Fred Bassi and the Niagara players livid with anger.

Berstling scored on a backhand early in the second period and it appeared a rout was on. However, the Knights attempted to retaliate for Gannon's chippiness, took their minds off hockey and failed to score for the remainder of the period.

The bad blood between the teams reached a climax when Gannon's Mike Glackin took a wild swipe with his stick at Bull, barely missing his head. The Niagara player immediately dropped his gloves and the two engaged in a fight, resulting in their automatic ejection from the game.

CLOSED GAP

The Golden Knights closed the gap to 4-1 later in the period when Collins deflected Don Mehal's sharp-angle shot past Pearce.

Niagara turned in a methodical final period, scoring twice before Gannon replied with a late marker.

Patterson took a pass in the slot from Gerald Sebastiany and backhanded it past Winter. The goal came at 2:51 while the Knights were shorthanded.

Niagara kept the pressure on for the rest of the period and only the goaltending of Winter prevented Berstling, Patterson and Chartrand from adding to the Niagara total.

Gannon's final goal came at 14:58 when Southard took a pass from Tom Braun in front of the net and beat Pearce with a high shot.

Niagara outshot Gannon 47-31 in the game. The two teams will meet again this Saturday at the Welland Arena.

Lowe places second at UWO track meet

By MARY KOZIELLO
Staff Writer

MARK LOWE

Can the secret of Mark Lowe's impressive track record be due to the savory spaghetti he loves to eat before a race?

Spaghetti or no spaghetti, he managed to place second at an all-comers meet Jan. 19.

The race, which Mark, a second year electronics technician student, described as "hard," was held at the 200-metre indoor track at the University of Western Ontario. The track, one of the fastest in Ontario, is constructed of chevron, a rubbery material.

Twenty-year-old Mark ran the 400-metre stretch in 52 seconds. He was seeded with entrants with similar running times. Five heats of men ran the race, with four on the track each time.

At the Ontario Senior Championships held in Ottawa Aug. 27 and 28, Mark placed fourth. His time was 51.85 seconds.

Mark has been running for seven years. He got interested in it because he was "too small for football and too short for basketball."

KEEPS IMPROVING

He has progressively improved his running time. When Mark started, he ran 800 metres at 2:15. Now he runs the same distance at 1:56.6.

His alert eyes and flashing smile seem to symbolize his capabilities as a runner. Mark, who says he is "in good shape now," runs six days a week in intervals ranging from 300 to 2,000 metres.

Mark also participates in intramural sports such as ice and floor hockey.

Asked about his plans for running, Mark said, "I'm going to keep it up until the time I am unable."

On Feb. 3 Mark will be at Western, running two races: 300 and 600 metres.

Mark's coach is Earl Church, whose wife Erika is an English instructor here at Niagara College.

GNBA asks CFAB for championship

The Greater Niagara Baseball Association has made a formal application to the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball to hold the 1979 Canadian Midget baseball championships on Labor Day weekend in Niagara Falls.

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Students

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lege system, not just Niagara," Jeff said.

Jeff said he thought some instructors were sympathetic to SAC's action.

Picket lines were set up by SAC at all entrances to the main campus, but most students went right through them.

MET IN CAFETERIA

When the picket lines failed to get student action, SAC met in the cafeteria and decided to march through the halls and urge students not to go to classes.

Of the march, Jeff said, "Things are going along pretty well, we're gathering some numbers of students."

However, A. S. Aboud, director of student services, felt the boycott didn't work very well.

"I don't know whether it's been successful or not," he said. "As a matter of fact, I think it has been normal. It's an individual student's choice."

The boycott came about after Jeff got a call from the SAC president at Fanshawe College, London, telling him that the other 21 community colleges were going to boycott classes.

While SAC was walking a picket line, they weren't supporting either the support staff or the Council of Regents.

A handbill distributed by SAC said: "While in the picket line, you are reminded that you are supporting students' rights and not the support staff or government positions."

The picket lines here may not have been large, but Jeff expected better things at other colleges.

Pickets

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Service Employees Union, issued a request that faculty stop teaching evening extension courses "because they constitute an important source of revenue for the colleges. Cancellation of these courses will be a major blow to the employer."

However, at Niagara, Miss Robarts says there has been no effect on the extension courses. "There have been one or two bona fide illnesses, but there has been no trouble for faculty getting through the picket lines."

She added that on Wednesday night Mohawk College faculty members met and decided not to support the motion to disrupt extension courses. "I think that's the feeling generally. Faculty is teaching extension courses because they enjoy it, but they want the money too."

There have been some rays of light for the support staff efforts over the past week:

OTHER SUPPORT

• Support from other unions has been voiced. Ted Jones, president of the Welland and District Labor Council, says the support staff has "all the moral and financial support" that he and his 5,000 members can give. The council has suggested that greater efforts may soon be made to get "more bodies" on the college picket lines. On Tuesday, the support staff workers received a $100 cheque from the Niagara Falls local of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

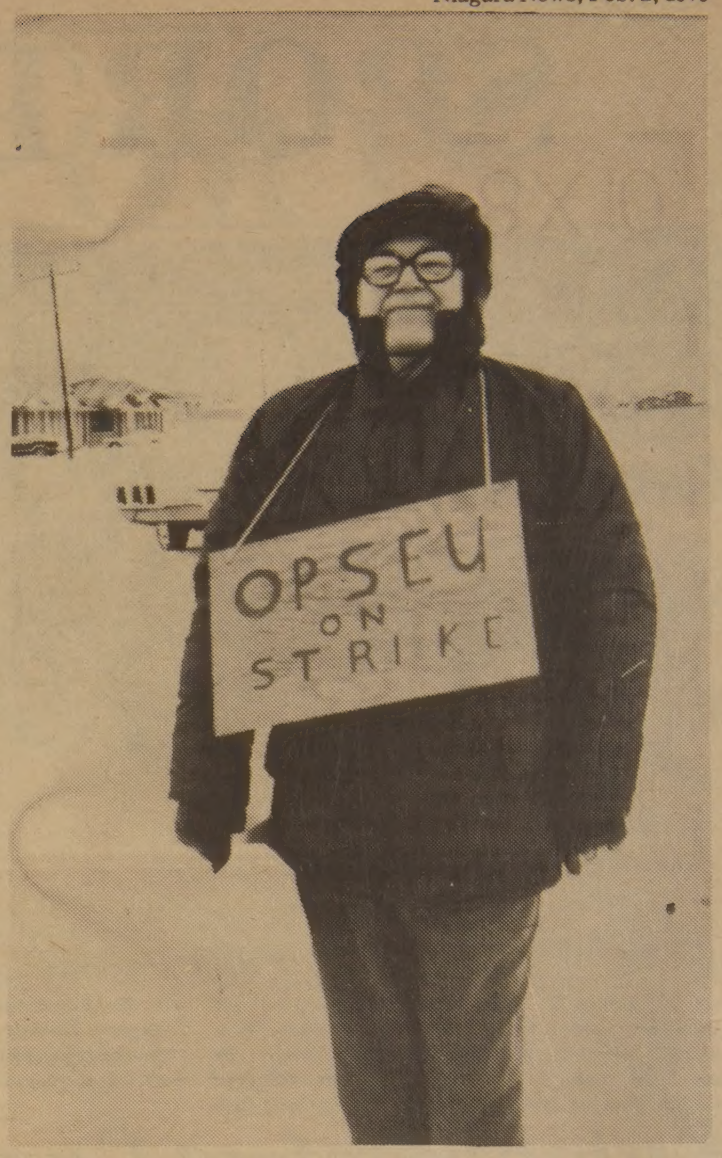
• Some students are not crossing the picket lines. Kay Steele, president of the support staff local, said that on Tuesday night a welding class walked out. "Most of the class had gone into the school but three stayed to talk to us on the picket line. After a few minutes, they went into the school, talked to the other people and the entire class walked out."

• A faculty strike fund has been set up. The academic executive has called for each faculty member to contribute 15.4 per cent of his take home pay, but it is too early to determine the success of the move. The union's reaction has been "we appreciate their money, but we'd rather have their support."

BOYCOTT IGNORED

• Although yesterday's student boycott was almost totally ignored, the union doesn't consider it a total loss. "We do respect the members of the Students Administrative Council for voicing their concerns. Those who did come out on the picket lines probably found out it's not as easy as it looks," Mr. Salfi said.

The plan for next week? Mr. Salfi says they're going to continue to picket. "We're not being unreasonable. Our side is willing to go back to the table...the longer this goes on, the harder it gets, and more tempers flare. The schools say they're not being affected, but emotionally at the very least it's got to be having a bad effect. When everyone spends that much time worrying about the strike, it's got to be affecting their work."



Freezing for dollars

This cheerful fellow was one of the picketers at the entrance to the parking lot on First Avenue early Monday morning. He was part of a mass picket organized by Local 243 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union [OPSEU] who have been on strike for the past week. (Photo by Koziello)

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New Board members

Two new members of the Niagara College Board of Governors are Rev. David Foley, left, and Barbara Ann Troup. Two other new members, Dr. Jacques Dubois and George W. B. Hostetter, with Father Foley and Mrs. Troup, were introduced to the Board at its meeting Jan. 25. All four were appointed in early January, and this was their first board meeting. Dr. Dubois and Mrs. Troup are full term members, while Father Foley and Mr. Hostetter are partial term members.

Pharmacy assistant

Seeks approval for new program

A preliminary proposal for full- and part-time Pharmacy Assistant programs will be sent by the college to the Council of Regents, the board of Governors decided Jan. 25.

Although it may be difficult for the college to gain approval for the programs, Niagara must make the attempt, Harry Picken, board vice-chairman, said.

Niagara is applying for both programs because the college of pharmacists suggests there shouldn't be a part-time program without a full-time course, Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, told the board meeting.

Only three colleges, St.Clair, Humber and Algonquin, offer this program, Mr. Picken said, and Niagara is proposing to serve the Mohawk College area along with the Niagara region.

This year, 373 people applied for the program at the three colleges, for which there were 104 vacancies.

IN PRELIMINARY STAGE

A full-scale study of the proposal has not yet been taken, Mr. Habermehl said, because it is still in the preliminary stage. A complete study of the situation will be done if the college receives permission to proceed with either or both programs.

The part-time program will be less expensive to operate, Mr. Picken said. If the college gets permission to start these programs, necessary funds may not be available.

The pharmacy assistants would be able to assist pharmacists with some duties, but not with jobs that are done only by certified pharmacists, Mr. Habbermehl said.

If the full-time course is not approved by council, it is possible that the part-time course could be implemented, Mr. Habermehl said.

DeWitt receives threats

Stan DeWitt, president of the student committee at Welland Vale Centre in St. Catharines, said he and his wife received five phone calls last week threatening his life if he crossed the support staff picket line last Monday.

He said he received the first threatening phone call on Jan. 26. "The caller said that if I crossed the picket line Monday (Jan. 29) I'd be killed," Stan said.

Stan said he does not know who the male caller was.

He said he received four more phone calls, the last one answered by his wife on Monday while he was at school.

Stan said there were no acts of violence against him last Monday, but he'll "still take some precaution."

To serve 2nd term

Eleanor Lancaster will be chairman of the college's Board of Governors for at least one more year.

Mrs. Lancaster was re-elected at a Board meeting Jan. 25, in the annual election of Board chairmen.

The nominating committee, comprising W.H.Burton, D.R. Wilson and Alec Ironside, submitted a full slate of chairmen for various board committees and all were elected by acclamation.

Harry Picken is once again vice-chairman as well as chairmen of the executive committee and the finance and property committee.

Tony Custode is again the chairman of the staff and student affairs committee, a post he held in 1978.

Chairman of the academic affairs committee is Arnot Wilson and Bud McLaughlin is chairman of the personnel committee.

These appointments are for one-year periods, and the board will appoint members of these standing committees for 1979 at its earliest opportunity.

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NC site of Science Fair

Niagara College will be the site of the 1979 Niagara Regional Science Fair on May 2, 3, and 4.

"We are very pleased to be host of this event," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told the Board of Governors.

She said considerable support from the staff of the college has been pledged to help make this event a success.

Frank Ciccarelli is the communications officer and William Walker is the chairman of the facilities committee.

New wiring for lots

Provision will be made in the next year's capital budget for new underground wiring for the lights in college parking lots.

There are problems with inadequate lighting in various parking lots on the main campus, and while attempts are being made to rectify the situation this year, the Board of Governors may have to provide funds for repairs next year, the finance and property committee of the board told a Jan. 25 meeting.

Bookstore revenue up

Revenue at the bookstore has increased about 15 per cent from last year.

The major increase is in the sale of items with the Niagara College crest. This may show greater school spirit or at least a greater interest in items sold this year, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Heavy expense for heat

Any small heat saving is worthwhile, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said because it costs about $350 per day to heat the main complex at the main campus.

The main complex, comprising the Voyageur, Simcoe, Tecumseh, Lundy and Merritt buildings, has been a major source of heat loss, Miss Robarts said.

A vinyl coated nylon covering has been installed over the metal roll-up doors in V13 and V14 to stop discomfort and heat loss.

Providing dental care

Niagara College is trying to act as a springboard to ensure dental needs can be met be low-income families.

Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, and Bob Baddeley, chairman of health sciences, met with a member of the Secretary of State's staff in Ottawa to discuss ways the college can help make soaring dental costs easier to handle for low-income families.

Rename positions

There has been a slight change in duties in the president's office.

The positions of Mary Hornak and Ann Houtby have been re-evaluated by the Hay Evaluation Committee. Miss Hornak will be called the secretary to the Board of Governors and Mrs. Houtby will be secretary to the president, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. Miss Hornak held both positions before.

As before, they will continue to work closely together and interchange responsibility when necessary, Miss Robarts said.

Welland Vale picket creates traffic jam

By TOM POWELL
Staff Writer

ST. CATHARINES — A mass picket by support staff strikers halted traffic in both directions in front of the Welland Vale campus here for more than an hour-and-a-half on Friday morning.

More than 35 striking support staff employees blocked the two entrances to the school from Welland Vale Road, backing up traffic to the lights at Ontario Street and Welland Avenue and for more than half-a-mile on Martindale Road.

As cars approached the entrances of the school, the picketers signalled them to roll down their window and asked if they could speak to them. While picketers talked to the driver, other cars were unable to pass on the narrow bridge that runs across Twelve Mile Creek.

HONK, HONK

Though some people sat for as long as an hour before getting through or turning back, none of the drivers got out to voice their discontent. The only time a horn was honked was when one of the picketers raised a sign that read, "Honk if you support us."

The mass picket was held to gain more attention for the strike and to make better use of the three shifts on a Friday.

"All faculty and students are gone Friday by noon hour," Kay Steele, president of the college support staff local, said.

MORE IMPACT

This way, Mrs. Steele said, the union gets more attention and has more impact instead of breaking up into the usual three shifts.

Picketers began arriving at the school at 7 a.m. and were out in full force by 8 a.m. The traffic jam started at approximately 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 10 a.m. As the traffic began dispersing, the picketers did as well, some returning to Welland and others going home at the end of their shift.

Mrs. Steele said she was pleased with the results of the picket but was disappointed that no Niagara College faculty members joined them on the line.

"We sure wish the faculty would get out and support us," Mrs. Steele said.

Board approves marine course

A retraining course, the Marine Emergency Duties program, has been approved by the Board of Governors and will be sent on the ministry of colleges and universities for final approval.

The course will be offered in Port Colborne, marking the first time Niagara College has offered a full program in the port city.

A site has been proposed in Port Colborne and the course will use the Welland canal as part of the training program.

R.A. Wilson, a member of the college Board of Governors, said this is the first time any kind of campus has been set up in Port Colborne and the building is located on the canal at Ramey's Bend.

The program is a joint project which will use federal government facilities and equipment. The provincial government, through Niagara College, will provide tuition.

The staff for the program will be chosen in co-operation with the Canadian Coast Guard.

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...the Niagara Cerebral Palsy Association presents an Arts Carousel. Activities include a puppetry and mime show, assorted demonstrations and numerous displays.

Norma Edwards - Canadian Dramatist

Norma Edwards, talented television, radio and stage actress, will dramatize the women from the novels of Margaret Laurence on Friday, February 16th at 1:00 p.m. This 5'6" bundle of dynamite has a repertoire including such diverse roles as Martha in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf to the exuberant and unconventioal Mami. In her portrayal, the characters come alive and are imbued with every spectrum of human emotions. It is a moving experience, not to be missed.

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...free lecture and slide demonstration by an art specialist from the Royal Ontario Museum Speaker's Brueau, Toronto, tracing the development of Canadian art through a fifty year period of Victoria's reign. The lecture will be presented at one and three p.m. on Saturday, February 17th, Main Campus, Woodlawn Road, Welland.

Plus...

The Canadiana Youth Choir Dancers and the Canadiana Children's Choir, comprising about 170 people between the ages of eight and 24, will highlight this year's festival. The St. Catharines song and dance troupe will be singing predominantly Canadian folk songs as well as some contemporary and modern, and performing Canadian dances. The troupe will perform twice during the festival performances are free and open to the general public, so come on out, it's sure to be a performance that will delight audiences of all ages.

As well as,

...The Magic Pen

...by the sweep of an artist's pen and the sight and sound of a naturalist's talk, a classroom at Niagara College will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland for children visiting this year's festival. There will be two showing...Saturday, February 17th at 1:30 p.m., is designed to appeal to children ages 3-6. The second showing at 3:30 p.m. is designed for ages seven to 12.

John Field

lecturing on the first Welland Canal...Friday, February 16th, at 12:15 p.m. and again at 2:45 p.m. Room 5, Lundy Building.

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